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Sirs:

In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98 and pursuant to the duty of disclosure of 37 CFR § 1.56, applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed. This Application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/220,789, filed July 25, 2000.

The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 CFR 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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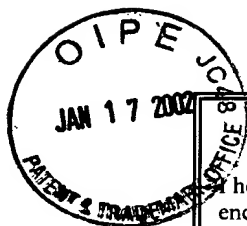
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Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, Applicant submits a listing of documents on Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed. This Application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/220,789, filed July 25, 2000.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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before the mailing date of either (i) a final action under 37 CFR 1.113 or (ii) a notice of allowance under 37 CFR 1.311. 37 CFR 1.97(c).

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner, be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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